

Louisiana Board of Regents and the Louisiana Department of Education Transitional Courses Pilot: Monthly Updates



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Back to School

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Back in Session. In late August, districts in the state returned back to school for a new and exciting academic year. In particular, the beginning of the new academic year also brought along the start of the SREB Transitional Courses Pilot in Calcasieu, Iberville, and Jefferson. Reports from the individual districts were met with encouragement because as of mid-September, there were a total of 85 students enrolled in the courses. Additionally, the progression of the literacy and mathematics course lessons are going as planned with very little difficulties. Again, if any support is needed regarding the Transitional Courses Pilot, please contact our office or SREB immediately.

SREB Monthly Webinar for Pilot Teachers. This past month, English and mathematics teachers from each of the pilot districts (Calcasieu, Iberville, and Jefferson) participated in a webinar coordinated by SREB. The purpose of the hour-long webinars are to provide instructional and professional support to the pilot teachers in all of the participating states. Further, the webinars serve as a way for other members of the piloting team (e.g., secondary education administrators, postsecondary education faculty and state agency professionals) to learn more about what is occurring with the courses in the different states. Lastly, during this month and for the remainder of the year, the webinars will occur separately, with one for literacy pilot teachers and the other for mathematics pilot teachers. Participation is open and everyone is encouraged to attend.

District Contracts. Currently, we are in the process of finalizing the Core to College Transitional Courses Contracts with the three piloting districts. This process is in the final stages of execution and will be completed shortly. Once finalized, the contractual process will begin with the postsecondary education faculty members. Information regarding this process will be forthcoming.

ACT Registration. Most recently, we have started working with the national ACT office in getting students from the Jefferson District registered for December testing. As previously mentioned, the Board of Regents will cover the costs of students retaking the exam directly with ACT, while the districts will be responsible for registering the students for the designated testing month. More information regarding this process will be provided to the districts at the appropriate time.

Special points of interest:

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* For more immediate updates, please visit the Transitional Courses Pilot webpage at www.regents.louisiana.gov/transitional-courses-pilot/.